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DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS, LLC

Request:

8-5. Please explain how the Companies would consider carbon policy when evaluating bids in response to an RFP, assuming that competing bids differed in terms of CO2 emissions. If this would vary depending on the nature of the solicitation, please provide details under likely circumstances.

Response:

The Companies consider the IRPs as the primary vehicle to determine and guide the procurement of generation resources to meet future customer energy needs with RFP solicitations. Competitive solicitations are used to identify the most cost effective and reliable resources available in the marketplace consistent with the IRPs. The Companies would consider carbon policy when evaluating bids in a consistent manner with any approved carbon policy in place at the time the RFP was issued.